

Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education

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- 1 Individuals desiring to appear before the board must submit a written request with descriptive materials to the
2 board office six days before the meeting. If the request is approved by the executive committee, the item will be
3 placed on the agenda. Individuals placed on the agenda will be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and
4 given time to speak when their topic of interest is addressed on the agenda. All requests submitted will be included
5 in the board packet along with the name of the speaker and organization, and the nature of the comments.
- 6 If an individual wishes to address the board on an item on the agenda, he/she may sign up on the form provided
7 before the beginning of the board meeting to request time to speak. Delegations must select only one individual
8 to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined by the board.
- 9 The chair may recognize individuals not on the agenda for remarks to the board if it is determined that such is in
10 the public interest. A majority vote of members present can overrule the decision of the chair.
- 11 Individuals speaking to the board shall address remarks to the entire board and not individual members. Each
12 person speaking shall state his/her name, address, and subject of presentation. Participants may have up to three
13 minutes to make remarks. Longer comments from community members may be submitted in written format. The
14 chair shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who is disruptive or does not adhere to
15 board rules.¹
- 16 Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to the office
17 of the director of schools.

Legal References

1. TCA 39-17-306

Cross References

School Board Meetings 1.400
Agendas 1.403